



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2011**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Kim Rossmo
Sam Holt

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ramey Ko
Moses Saldana, Sr.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 08/11/2011 were approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Rossmo's second on a 4-0 vote with Commissioners Ko and Saldana not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Scott Johnson, citizen, spoke on developing a city policy limiting alcohol sales on city sponsored events with higher heat indexes

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Regional impacts of area wild land fire on Austin and surrounding communities:
Fire Response – AFD Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans, AFD Association President Bob Nicks:
 1. Nine fire events began September 4
 2. Activated a Department Operations Center (Area Command) at CTECC

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3. Activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) from Sunday, September 4 to Thursday, September 8
4. Increased Operational Staffing to meet wildfire threats
5. Deployed 2 AFD Texas Interstate Mutual Aid System (TIMAS) Strike Teams and an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) as well as an Incident Management Team
6. Provided supporting role to Travis County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Police Response – APD Chief Art Acevedo, APD Chief of Staff David Carter, APA President Wayne Vincent

1. Supported fire services through air recognizance, evacuation efforts, traffic management, post/on-going incident security, and emergency call support for neighboring law enforcement agencies
2. Provided air support for Steiner Ranch fire when AFD Departmental Operation Center was activated
3. Assisted Travis County Sheriff Department with air recognizance and stand-by patrol resources during Steiner Ranch fire
4. Simultaneously assisted Bastrop County with air support, traffic management, evacuation efforts, and incident security
5. Provided Officers and Support Staff for emergency calls for service in both Travis and Bastrop County throughout fire events
6. Chief Acevedo spoke on lack of air resources and need for new helicopters

Medical Response – EMS Chief Ernesto Rodriguez, EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard, EMS Association President Steve Stewart

1. Ensured no degradation in EMS services in our community and provided on-site support to evacuees and public safety partners
2. Staffed and deployed additional ambulances and squads to cover first response in the County, increased medical staff in the emergency communications center, provided ambulances and resources to each fire and staffed EOC
3. Quickly adjusted surveillance criteria to monitor for increases in the number of respiratory emergencies in the community
4. Deployed resources to Bastrop and Waller County fires and to the New York floods

4. Briefings and Updates

a. 911 Briefing:

Police Update – APD Chief of Staff David Carter:

1. Increased staffing, intelligence gathering
2. Current Police Department Posture – High alert status
3. Current threats were determined credible but not confirmed

AFD Update – AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans

1. Increased staffing in response to fires, 911 proceedings, UT football

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EMS Update – EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard

1. Three tier response for staffing fires, 911 proceedings, UT football

5. Possible Agenda Items for October Meeting

- a. Election of Officers for the Public Safety Commission

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Commissioner Holt, 2nd by Commissioner Rossmo

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